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SUBJECT: TURKISH MEDIA COVERAGE OF CYPRUS-RELATED DEVELOPMENTS

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1. MAJOR TURKISH DAILIES GAVE FRONT PAGE PLAY FEBRUARY 28 TO REPORTS THAT SENATORS MANSFIELD AND SCOTT HAVE INTRODUCED A BILL WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE RESUMPTION OF AID TO TURKEY. EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS NOT YET APPEARED.

2. UNDER THE HEADLINE "MAKARIOS AGAIN ARMING THE GREEK CYPRIOTS", SENSATIONALIST DAILY HURRIYET CARRIED AN EXCLUSIVE STORY ALLEGING THAT ARMS FROM GREECE ARE FLOWING TO THE ISLAND. THE ARMS ARE "OF NATO ORIGIN  
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AND STOLEN FROM AMERICAN BASES IN GREECE," THE ACCOUNT SAID. HURRIYET REPORTED THAT, ACCORDING TO TURKISH

INTELLIGENCE SOURCES, WEAPONS INCLUDED 81 AND 105MM MORTARS, RECOILESS RIFLES, A-SERIES MACHINE GUNS AND M47, M48, M54 AND M60 TANKS. MAKARIOS WAS SAID TO HAVE CUT CIVIL SERVANTS' WAGES IN HALF TO PAY FOR THE ARMS AND TO HAVE SPEEDED UP PROCUREMENT OF WEAPONS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND THE SOVIET UNION. THE STORY ALLEGED THAT ANTI-MAKARIOS GREEK CYPRIOT GROUPS ALSO HAVE ACQUIRED NATO WEAPONS INCLUDING A-SERIES MACHINE GUNS AND 81MM MORTARS.

3. IN ANOTHER REPORT FROM CYPRUS, LEFT-LIBERAL CUMHURIYET AND SENSATIONALIST GUNAYDIN ALLEGED THAT FOUR U.S. SERVICEMEN ARRESTED WHILE TAKING PICTURES NEAR THE GREEN LINE IN NICOSIA WERE STATIONED AT THE AKROTIRI BASE IN CONNECTION WITH U-2 SPY PLANE OPERATIONS THERE. THE STORIES ASSERTED THAT U-2 OPERATIONS WERE CARRIED OUT WITH THE CONSENT OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION AND THAT THE MISSION OF THE U-2'S WAS TO MONITOR ARAB AND ISRAELI ACTIVITIES. A U.S. EMBASSY SPOKESMAN WAS SAID TO HAVE CONFIRMED THE PRESENCE OF UJMS. SERVICEMEN ON THE AKROTIRI BASE BUT TO HAVE DECLINED TO SPECIFY THEIR NUMBERS OR MISSION.

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